

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A crosslinked rubber particle comprising as repeating units (a) 30 to 94.89 % by weight of a conjugated diene unit, (b) 5 to 69.89 % by weight of an aromatic vinyl unit, (c) 0.01 to 10 % by weight of a monomer unit having at least two polymerizable unsaturated group and (d) 0.1 to 30 % by weight of a monomer unit having one polymerizable unsaturated group and at least one functional group selected from an amino group, a hydroxyl group and an epoxy group [the total amount of (a), (b), (c) and (d) is 100 % by weight] and having a particle size of 10 to 500 nm and a toluene-insolubles of 80 % by weight or more.

Claim 2 (Original): A crosslinked rubber particle according to Claim 1, wherein said monomer forming said monomer unit (d) having one polymerizable unsaturated group and an amino group is at least one selected from dialkylaminoalkyl(meth)acrylates, N-dialkylaminoalkyl group-containing unsaturated amides, dialkylaminoalkyl (meth)acrylate and tertiary amino group-containing vinyl aromatic compound.

Claim 3 (Original): A crosslinked rubber particle according to Claim 1, wherein said monomer forming said monomer unit (d) having one polymerizable unsaturated group and a hydroxyl group is at least one selected from hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylates, mono(meth)acrylates of polyalkylene glycols (the number of alkylene glycol units is 2 to 23), hydroxyl group-containing unsaturated amides, hydroxyl group-containing vinyl aromatic compounds and (meth)allyl alcohol.

Claim 4 (Original): A crosslinked rubber particle according to Claim 1, wherein

said monomer forming said monomer unit (d) having one polymerizable unsaturated group and an epoxy group is at least one selected from (meth)allylglycidylether, glycidyl (meth)acrylate and 3,4-oxycyclohexyl (meth)acrylate.

Claim 5 (Original): A crosslinked rubber particle according to Claim 1, wherein said conjugated diene forming said conjugated diene unit (a) is at least one selected from 1,3-butadiene, 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, isoprene and chloroprene;

said aromatic vinyl forming said aromatic vinyl unit (b) is at least one selected from styrene, 2-methylstyrene, 3-methylstyrene, 4-methylstyrene, a-methylstyrene, 2,4-dimethylstyrene, 2,4-diisopropylstyrene, 4-tert butylstyrene and tert-butoxystyrene; and,

said monomer forming said monomer unit (c) having at least two polymerizable unsaturated groups is at least one selected from ethylene glycol di(meth)acrylate, propylene glycol di(meth)acrylate, 1,4-butanediol di(meth)acrylate, 1,6-hexanediol di(meth)acrylate, trimethylolpropane di(meth)acrylate, trimethylolpropane tri(meth)acrylate, pentaerythritol tri(meth)acrylate, pentaerythritol tetra(meth)acrylate, divinylbenzene, diisopropenylbenzene and trivinylbenzene.

Claim 6 (Original): A crosslinked rubber particle according to Claim 5, wherein said monomer forming said monomer unit (d) having one polymerizable unsaturated group and an amino group is at least one selected from dialkylaminoalkyl(meth)acrylates, N-dialkylaminoalkyl group-containing unsaturated amides, dialkylaminoalkyl (meth)acrylate and tertiary amino group-containing vinyl aromatic compound.

Claim 7 (Original): A crosslinked rubber particle according to Claim 5, wherein

said monomer forming said monomer unit (d) having one polymerizable unsaturated group and a hydroxyl group is at least one selected from hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylates, mono(meth)acrylates of polyalkylene glycols (the number of alkylene glycol units is 2 to 23), hydroxyl group-containing unsaturated amides, hydroxyl group-containing vinyl aromatic compounds and (meth)allyl alcohol.

Claim 8 (Original): A crosslinked rubber particle according to Claim 5, wherein said monomer forming said monomer unit (d) having one polymerizable unsaturated group and an epoxy group is at least one selected from (meth)allylglycidylether, glycidyl (meth)acrylate and 3,4-oxycyclohexyl (meth)acrylate.

Claims 9-18 (Canceled).